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(Washington, DC) – StoryCorps, a national initiative to document the unique stories of Americans, arrived May 20 in Illinois to collect and preserve the stories of Chicago's Latino residents, as part of its *Historias* Initiative. *Historias*, which means stories in Spanish, is an ongoing initiative to honor and celebrate the diversity of Latino culture.

On Monday, May 24, **Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez** (D-IL-4) will participate in the *Historias* initiative by recording an interview with **his daughter Jessica**

. These conversations are unscripted, so it is unclear what the Congressman and his daughter, a recent college graduate, will discuss.

Ensuring that the stories of the Latino experience will be preserved for future generations to listen to, all StoryCorps interviews -- including Rep. Gutierrez' -- will be added to the archives at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Excerpts of selected StoryCorps interviews air on NPR's *Morning Edition* every Friday. Since 2003, over 50,000 everyday people have shared stories and life experiences with their family and friends through StoryCorps.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Latino families throughout Chicagoland to tell their stories and make sure that our family histories are included in this archive of American history," Rep. Gutierrez said. "I'm excited and a little nervous about what my daughter may ask," he said with a wink.

The StoryCorps MobileBooth, an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio, will be parked at the [National Mexican Museum of Art](#) for 6 weeks. Reservations are open and can be made through StoryCorps 24-hour reservation line, 1-800-850-4406, or at [StoryCorps.org](#)

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plans to collect 120 interviews during its stay in Chicago.

After their conversation is recorded, the Congressman will be available to speak with reporters

WHAT:

Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez ~~Historias~~ daughter Jessica Gutierrez to record conversation for the StoryCorps

WHEN:

Recording session (approx 40 minutes) at 10:15 CT, Monday, May 24, 2010
Followed by press availability approximately 11:00 a.m.

WHERE:

StoryCorps Historias Mobile Recording Studio
Outside the National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 West 19th Street, Chicago, Pilsen neighborhood

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